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FOR: Method for Preventing Depletion of Non-Autologous Hematopoietic Cells and Animal Model Systems for Use Thereof

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated May 12, 1999 finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5, 8-14, 17-19, 21-40.

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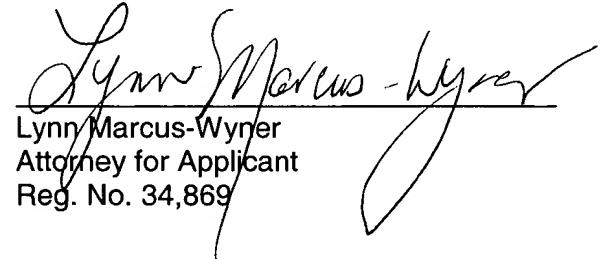
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Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

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